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Applicants: HIROI, et al.

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For: APPARATUS FOR INSPECTING A SPECIMEN

Group: Not assigned

Examiner: Not assigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents February 22, 2002
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted prior to the Rule 53(b) Continuation Application filed on even date.

IN THE TITLE

Please replace the title of the invention as follows:

--APPARATUS FOR INSPECTING A SPECIMEN--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert before the first line of the specification the following:

-- This is a continuation of application Serial No.
_____, filed February 5, 2002, entitled "PATTERN
INSPECTION METHOD AND SYSTEM THEREFOR", by T. HIROI, the
contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. --

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments prior to examination is
respectfully requested.

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